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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMCITS

11. THIS IS STATEMENT WRITTEN BY THE FOUR CAPTURED STUDENTS.
ACCORDING TO MISS BARBARA SMUTS THE SUBSTANCE OF THE CONTENTS
OF MESSAGE WAS GIVEN BY THEIR CAPTURERS BUT COMPOSITION OF
THE LETTER WAS THEIR OWN. TEXT AS FOLLOWS:

2. QTE AMERICAN EMBASSY MAY 21, 1975
DAR ES SALAAM
TANZANIA

DEAR SIR,

DURING THE NIGHT OF MAY 19, 1975, WE, THE FOLLOWING, WERE
CAPTURED FROM GOMBE STREAM RESEARCH CENTER, GOMBE STREAM NATIONAL
PARK, KIGOMA, TANZANIA, BY THE FORCE ARMEES POPULAIRE (FAP -FORCES
OF THE POPULAR ARMY) OF THE PARTIE DE LA REVOLUTION POPULAIRE
(PRP - POPULAR REVOLUTIONARY ARMY), DIRECTED BY THE PRESIDENT AND
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FOUNDER, LAURENT DESIRE KABILA, BASED IN HEWA-BORA, CONGO-KINSHASA-
ZAIRE:

KENNETH STEPHEN SMITH, AMERICAN CITIZEN, BORN DEC. 16,
1952 IN OXNARD, CALIFORNIA;

BARBARA BOARDMAN SCHMUTZ (SMUTS), AMERICAN CITIZEN, BORN NOVEMBER 9, 1950, IN NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK;

CARRIE JANE HUNTER, AMERICAN CITIZEN, BORN NOVEMBER 13, 1953 IN BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA;

SOPHIE-EMILIE VAN ZINNICQ BERGMANN, DUTCH CITIZEN, BORN MAY 30, 1950 IN VUGHT, HOLLAND.

AT THE TIME OF OUR CAPTURE WE WERE STUDENTS FROM STANFORD UNIVERSITY, STANFORD, CALIFORNIA, INVOLVED IN CHIMPANZEE RESEARCH AT GOMBE STREAM RESEARCH CENTRE UNDER THE DIRECTION OF DR. JANE GOODALL IN TANZANIA AND DR. DAVID A. HAMBURG AT STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

WE HAVE NOT BEEN HARMED IN ANY WAY AND HAVE BEEN GUARANTEED ADEQUATE FOOD AND SHELTER UNTIL OUR RELEASE. THE CONDITIONS OF THE PARTIE DE LA REVOLUTION POPULAIRE, FOR OUR RELEASE, ARE THE FOLLOWING:

1) 200,000 (TWO-HUNDRED THOUSAND) POUNDS STERLING; OR, IF POUNDS ARE NOT AVAILABLE, THEN 500,000 (FIVE-HUNDRED THOUSAND) AMERICAN DOLLARS.

2) RELEASE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF PRP, YUNBU GABRIEL AND THE RELEASE OF KILENGA SALEH AND HIS STAFF, CAPTURED WITH HIM.

3) ARMS: 50 (FIFTY) MITRAILLESSES LEGERES; 10 (TEN) CANONS, 75 MM; 10 (TEN) MITRAILLEUSES LOURDES; 500 (FIVE-HUNDRED) FAL-BELGIAN OR AMERICAN.

MUNITION: 500,000 (FIVE-HUNDRED THOUSAND) MITRAILLEUSES LEGERES; 100,000 (ONE-HUNDRED THOUSAND) CANON, 75 MM; 200,000 (TWO-HUNDRED THOUSAND) MITRAILLEUSES LOURDES; 200,000 (TWO-HUNDRED THOUSAND) FAL-BELGIAN OR AMERICAN.

THE PRP HAVE REPEATEDLY EMPHASIZED THAT THEY ARE A LARGE ORGANIZATION, IN EXISTENCE NOW FOR SEVEN YEARS, AND DEDICATED TO THE LIBERATION OF THE PEOPLE OF ZAIRE FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF MOBOTU. WE ARE FULLY CONVINCED THAT THEIR COMMITMENT TO THIS CAUSE IS TOTAL AND THAT THEY THEREFORE WILL NOT HESITATE TO SHOOT US SHOULD THE CONDITIONS LISTED ABOVE NOT BE MET WITHIN 60 DAYS COMMENCING THE NIGHT OF OUR CAPTURE, MAY 19, 1975; HOWEVER, SHOULD THE CONDITIONS BE MET, WE FULLY BELIEVE THAT WE WILL BE RELEASED.

OUR LIVES DEPEND UPON THE DECISION OF THE TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT, WHICH WILL BE STRONGLY AFFECTED BY THE EFFORTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. AS CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES, OF AMERICA WE HAVE FAITH THAT OUR GOVERNMENT WILL DO ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING IT CAN TO ENSURE OUR RELEASE. WE PLEAD TO YOU, PERSONALLY, AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF OUR GOVERNMENT IN TANZANIA, TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO SAVE OUR LIVES.

BARBARA B. SMUTS
KENNETH STEPHEN SMITH
CARRIE JANE HUNTER
S.E. ZINNICQ BERGMANN, DUTCH CITIZEN UNQTE.
CARTER
UNQTE INGERSOLL

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